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Re: Dr. Hickey

Gentlemen:

Dr. Hickey is requesting a one-year renewal of his research project dealing with the analyses of multi-regional mortality rates and environmental data. We recommend that this funding request of \$94,263 be approved as a CTR Special Project.

Dr. Hickey's proposed activities for 1982 are detailed on pages 10-14 of his application. These activities will focus on two areas: (1) extending his group's investigations of relationships among a number of ubiquitous environmental variables and various health problems, and (2) continuing his evaluation of the proposition that the smoking-causality hypothesis is not valid. In this regard, he plans to continue his studies of hormesis as a possible validation of the genetic/constitutional hypothesis set forth by R. A. Fisher and others.

We have discussed Dr. Hickey's proposal with officials at CTR, and they strongly favor its renewal for the upcoming year.

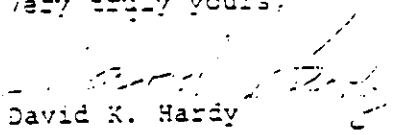
A note of explanation: Dr. Hickey's request for renewal was delayed for several months because he received authorization from CTR to extend his 1981 project through March 31, 1982, with the understanding that the extension would not involve new funds.

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I would appreciate knowing your decision on this project either on or before the March 13, 1982 Committee of Counsel meeting.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosure

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